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A STORY ABOUT A SLAUGHTER BORN OF MADNESS
THE MAN STOOD THERE ALONE ...
EXCEPT FOR HIS CURSED WEAPON IN THE HERITAGE OF HIS HOMELAND.
AROUND HIM LAY INNUMERABLE NUMBERS OF CORPSES
BY THE MOONLIGHT, THE SCATTERED GORE APPEARED TO BLOOM INTO DARK RED FLOWERS.
Revenge on the destroyer's native land had been accomplished.
AND SO, THE MAN LAUGHED
HE LAUGHED LOUDLY WHILE THE BLOOD OF HIS COUNTLESS VICTIMS WERE SOAKING INTO HIS GARMENTS
My greatest wish has been granted, my cruelly treated countrymen have been avenged.
AND YET, HIS LAUGHTER FROZE AT ITS PEAK AND SHATTERED INTO A PITIABLE WAIL.

Even now, this story is still being told in all its everlasting majesty...
But, after three hundred years, it is said that it appeared again...
THAT DEMONIC SWORD THAT WAS SAID TO CURSE ANYONE WHO HELD IT WITH THE NEED TO KILL FOREVER.
IN THOSE SLAUGHTERS HE LEFT BEHIND
DARK RED FLOWERS APPEARED. THAT SEEMED TO SHED THEIR PETALS INTO THE AIR. A BEAUTIFUL SIGHT, CERTAINLY, IF THEY WERE NOT BUT GORE, REPULSIVE AND TRAGIC. THUS, FOR THAT SPECTACLE, IT WAS NAMED THE DARK FLOWER.
And then the man disappeared along with the cursed weapon.
HE FINALLY UNDERSTOOD
HIS COUNTRYMEN, HIS FATHER, HIS MOTHER, HIS LOVER, AND EVERYONE HE HAD HELD DEAR, NONE OF THEM WERE GIVEN PEACE BY THIS. HE REALISED THAT HE HAD BECOME A MURDERER, JUST LIKE THE CULPRITS WHO HAD KILLED HIS LOVED ONES.
...BY HIS OWN WILL.

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, BRAT!
SFX Dash
There's someone there!!
I can't be caught here! Anybody..! Someone, please!
DON'T THINK YOU CAN GET AWAY FROM US. I WON'T FORGIVE YOU FOR RAMMING THAT STONE INTO MY NOSE!
...
SWORDS-MAN! PLEASE!
SAVE ME!!!
!
A swords-man!

HELL NO!
I can't run another inch...
HUFF! HUFF!
THE GAME IS OVER, GIRL! GET BACK HERE!
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?! STOP BEING SO ARROGANT AND LET'S SEE HOW WELL YOU CAN USE THAT PUNY THING DANGLING FROM YOUR WAIST
HEY, HEY
CAN'T YOU SEE SHE'S SCARED? CHASING LITTLE GIRLS ISN'T VERY MATURE OF YOU TWO
Hmm?
I SUPPOSE WE CANNOT SOLVE THIS THROUGH WORDS...
He looks so weak!
IN THAT CASE
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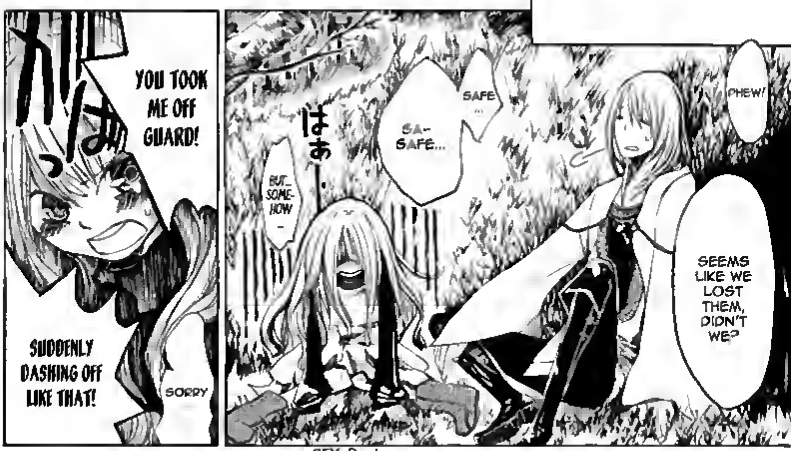
WHAT A-
ズメラン
SFX: Lift

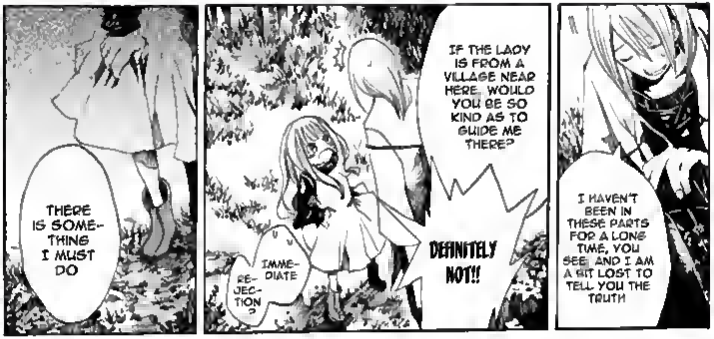
SFX: Step step

SFX: Whooosh



SFX: Pant

YOU ARE NOT FROM AROUND HERE ARE YOU...?
THAT'S RIGHT, I AM A TRAVEL-LER.
COULD I PRESUME ON THE LADY AS TO TELL ME WHY YOU WERE BEING CHASED?
FIGHTING STEEL WITH WOOD IS NOT A GOOD IDEA.
Fool!
YOU SEE. THIS SWORD'S BLADE IS MADE OUT OF WOOD. IF I TRIED TO FACE THEM, I WOULD HAVE DIED.
SEE? I MADE IT LIKE THIS BECAUSE THE ORIGINAL BLADE GOT DESTRO-YED


THERE IS SOMETHING I MUST DO
IMMEDIATE REJECTION?
IF THE LADY IS FROM A VILLAGE NEAR HERE, WOULD YOU BE SO KIND AS TO GUIDE ME THERE?
DEFINITELY NOT!!
I HAVEN'T BEEN IN THESE PARTS FOR A LONG TIME, YOU SEE, AND I AM A BIT LOST TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH

OR ELSE THE DARK FLOWER WILL KILL YOU TOO.
NO! YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO COME TO OUR VILLAGE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES! LEAVE THIS PLACE!

To think I would hear that name here...
The Dark Flower?
WA-WAIT ONE SECOND...
OH! AND THANKS FOR SAVING ME
YOU UNDERSTAND RIGHT?

So, the legend is still alive.
HOW MANY HOURS HAS IT BEEN SINCE THE CONSTABLE DEPARTED?
IF HE'S NOT RETURNING, THAT MEANS WE ARE NEXT!
AT THIS RATE, THEY WILL TAKE OUR VILLAGE LIKE THEY TOOK THE OTHER ONE
IF THE CONSTABLE GOT PAST HE SHOULD HAVE GONE TO GET HELP, BUT WE DO NOT KNOW FOR CERTAIN
THERE IS NO WAY OF TELLING IF WE ARE GOING TO GET ANY HELP I SHOULD GO MYSELF AND-
YOU CANNOT
BUT MAYOR
AND WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU RAN INTO THEM?
I WILL NOT PERMIT MORE CASUALTIES TONIGHT
IF SOMEONE HAS TO GO, THEN, I-
OUTSIDE! SOMETHING IS HAPPENING OUTSIDE!

YOU MUST BE THE ENEMY'S MESSENGER!!!
I THINK ...
CAN EVERYONE BE CALM FOR A MOMENT?

EITHER WAY, CALM DOWN, ALL OF YOU

I AM JUST A TRAVELLER. NO NEED TO BE SO SUSPICIOUS
YOU SHOULD NOT BE HERE. THIS MAN IS SUSPICIOUS. HE MUST BE THEIR PAWN.

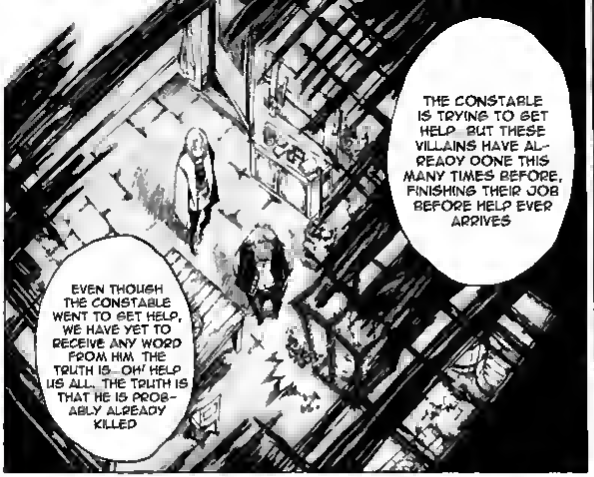
WHO IS IT?
MAYOR MARIUS!

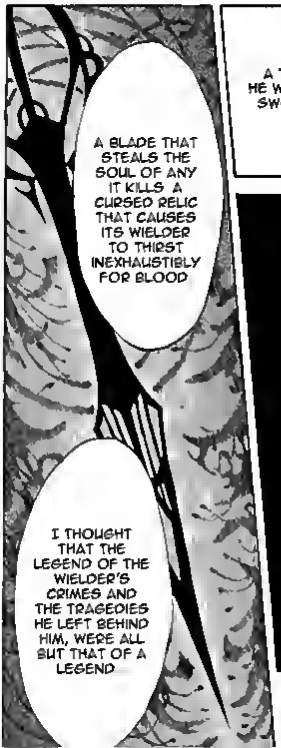
YOU WILL BE LOSING YOUR LIFE BESIDE US, AFTER ALL.

COINCIDENCE, IS IT? WELL, YOU HAVE BAD LUCK THEN, YOUNGSTER.
?
FOLLOW ME YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW

I AM THE MAYOR OF THIS VILLAGE
FROM YOUR APPEARANCE, I DOUBT YOU ARE ONE OF THEM. BUT WHY HAVE YOU COME TO THIS VILLAGE?

IT IS MERE COINCIDENCE, GOOD MAYOR I AM JUST A TRAVELLER WHO HAPPENED TO BE HERE. NOTHING MORE EVIDENTLY, SOMETHING SERIOUS HAS OCCURRED HERE
WOULD YOU CARE TO INFORM ME OF YOUR PLIGHT?


EVEN THOUGH THE CONSTABLE WENT TO GET HELP, WE HAVE YET TO RECEIVE ANY WORD FROM HIM. THE TRUTH IS—OH! HELP US ALL. THE TRUTH IS THAT HE IS PROBABLY ALREADY KILLED
THE CONSTABLE IS TRYING TO GET HELP. BUT THESE VILLAINS HAVE ALREADY DONE THIS MANY TIMES BEFORE, FINISHING THEIR JOB BEFORE HELP EVER ARRIVES
BY "THEM," WE ARE TALKING ABOUT THE BANDITS WHO HAVE BEEN PILLAGING THE AREA RECENTLY
THEY TARGET VILLAGES AND FARMS, KILL EVERYONE, AND THEN STRIP AWAY ANYTHING OF WORTH


A BLADE THAT STEALS THE SOUL OF ANY IT KILLS A CURSED RELIC THAT CAUSES ITS WIELDER TO THIRST INEXHAUSTIBLY FOR BLOOD
I THOUGHT THAT THE LEGEND OF THE WIELDER'S CRIMES AND THE TRAGEDIES HE LEFT BEHIND HIM, WERE ALL BUT THAT OF A LEGEND

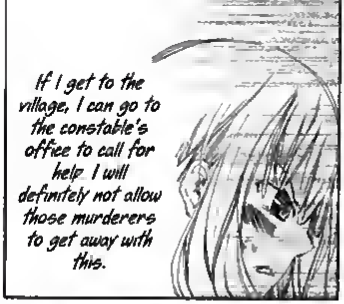
A TERRIBLE MAN HE WIELDS THAT EVIL SWORD FROM THE LEGENDS
THEIR LEADER IS A MAN CALLED GALLAS

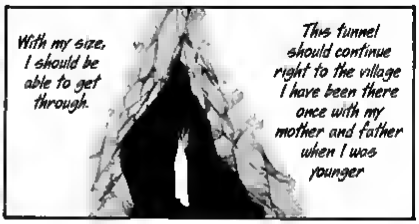
.....
THE SWORD THE MAN WHO LOST HIS COUNTRY USED FOR VENGEANCE

THE DARK FLOWER
YOU HAVE HEARD OF IT, NO?

IT IS A BLESSING THAT WE EVEN HAVE ONE SURVIVOR. IF MY GRAND-DAUGHTER HAD DIED AS WELL...
This girl...
FLOWERS OF DEATH, MADE FROM THE BLOOD OF THE CHILDREN
UNTIL THAT TIME.
I SAW IT WITH MY OWN EYES THE NEIGHBOURING VILLAGE, STRIPPED OF LIFE AND BATHED IN BLOOD. APPEARED ALMOST LIKE THE ONE IN THE LEGEND. IT WAS JUST LIKE A FIELD OF DARK RED FLOWERS

IF ONLY I COULD PASS THROUGH THE TUNNEL. BUT I THINK IT'S IMPOSSIBLE AFTER THAT LANDSLIDE


If I get to the village, I can go to the constable's office to call for help. I will definitely not allow those murderers to get away with this.


With my size, I should be able to get through.
This tunnel should continue right to the village I have been there once with my mother and father when I was younger

WE'RE NOT GONNA JUST LET YOU GO AND GET HELP.
PITY FOR YOU, LITTLE PRINCESS

AND WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING, MISSY?

WHAT?!
MAYOR,
JUST A WHILE AGO, WHILE WALKING IN THE FOREST, I MET THAT GIRL FROM THE PHOTO-GRAPH

So that's the reason, that girl...
There is something I must do.
.....

WOULD YOU PERHAPS LEAVE THIS MATTER TO ME?
I IMAGINE SHE WAS PLANNING TO GET HELP OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE.
PLEASE, NO!
IF THEY CAUGHT HER, IF EVEN LILIA WAS TO BE TAKEN AWAY FROM ME... I...
MAKE SURE THAT NO ONE LEAVES THE VILLAGE.
I WILL FINISH EVERYTHING BY DAWN.
YOU
DOING... WHAT!?
NO NEED TO WORRY. I WILL RESCUE YOUR GRANDDAUGHTER TOO, OF COURSE.
WAIT, WAIT!
YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY BE SUGGESTING THAT YOU ARE GOING TO FACE THEM ALONE, ARE YOU?
LOOK AT THIS SWORD, IT LOOKS PRETTY OLD, DOESN'T IT? I AM SURE YOU WOULDN'T MIND IF I BORROWED IT FOR A BIT, WOULD YOU?
THAT...
...IS NOT THE DARK FLOWER.
HAVEN'T YOU HEARD A WORD I'VE SPOKEN THESE PAST FEW MOMENTS!? THEY HAVE THE DARK FLOWER, THE SWORD OF THE LEGEND!
THAT IS MY FATHER'S PRECIOUS— WHAT AM I SAYING? NOW ISN'T THE TIME TO BE DISCUSSING ABOUT THE SWORD, MAN!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN!? HOW WOULD YOU...
YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO KNOW...
WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH THESE?

Quiet! No more squeaking, you fool.
Unless you want to join him in a crow's nest.
LEAVE IT FOOD FIT FOR THE CROWS
SO MEAN! HA, HA!
BUT WASN'T THIS THE COP!? IF SOMEONE SAW AND WENT TO GET MORE~
EVEN IF ALL THE COPS IN THIS PLACE CAME TO FIGHT US, I WOULD SWAT THEM DOWN LIKE THE FLIES THEY ARE
MERCY! I MEANT NO DISRESPECT, DALLAS!
ISN'T THAT RIGHT?
MY PRETTY ?
THE WEAK ARE NO MORE THAN OUR FOOD
THE DARK FLOWER I HOLD IS INVINCIBLE.

YOU GAVE US QUITE THE TROUBLE, MISSY
OHO, NO NEED TO GLARE I WILL PRESENT YOU WITH A PRETTY FLOWER WHEN WE GET BACK TO YOUR VILLAGE

MY FATHER, MY MOTHER! WHAT HARM DID THEY EVER DO TO YOU?
WHY DID YOU KILL THEM? WHAT COULD MAKE YOU KILL SO MANY PEOPLE!?
THE ONES WHO DESERVE DEATH ARE PEOPLE LIKE YOU!
WITH THOSE CRIMES AND SINS, THERE IS NO WAY YOU CAN BE FORGIVEN

I HEARD EVERYTHING FROM THE MAYOR.
JUST SIT TIGHT A FEW MOMENTS AND LET ME MAKE EVERYTHING ARIGHT
I SHOULD NOT HAVE LET YOU OUT OF MY SIGHT THAT TIME.
Eh?
OH DEAR, SUCH STRONG WORDS FROM A LITTLE GIRL'S MOUTH.
EH?
YOU! IT'S THE WHITE HAIRED COWARD FROM BEFORE!

I TOLD YOU TO STAY AWAY FROM THE VILLAGE! WHY ARE YOU HERE!?
YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE A WEAPON! STAY OUT OF THIS!
NO NEED TO WORRY! LOOK HERE! I BORROWED THIS FROM THE MAYOR
IDIOT! THEY ARE GOING TO KILL YOU! RUN!
IT IS SO KIND OF YOU TO WORRY FOR ME
LISTEN, IDIOT. I AM NOT JOKING HERE!
EH?
WHAT IS THIS?
SO IT ISN'T ANOTHER LOOT?
THIS IS JUST SOME LOST IDIOT?
NO REASON TO BE SO EXCITED, I JUST CAME TO TALK WITH OUR FRIENDS HERE FOR A MOMENT
I WILL NOT HURT YOU MONGRELS IF YOU ALL SURRENDER IMMEDIATELY. YOU DO NOT WANT TO BE HURT, I TRUST?
KNOCK HIM UP A BIT LIKE THOSE ONES.
SEEMS THE MAN HAS LOST HIS WITS
THIS ONE IS YOURS, BOYS
THE GUY IS LOONY!
.....

THIS IS GOING TO END QUICKLY ISN T IT?
IT ALWAYS ENDS THE SAME WAY
We will make it just like you wanted.

This guy's for real!
WTH!?
Both of them in a single slash?

BASTARD!
GOT YO-
AAGH!
-UAH!

GET AROUND HIM, WE WILL GO AT HIM FROM ALL SIDES!
THIS IS NO JOKE
WAAAAAAH!
AAAHHH!

To think he was this skilled!
DAMN!
YOU SEEM TO BE THE LAST ONE. HAD A CHANGE OF HEART, BY ANY CHANCE?
ANY WAY,
OH WELL,
I SUP-POSE I BROKE AN-OTHER ONE...

AGAIN...
All those men... By himself...
NO WAY...!!!

MAKING A POOL OF ME...
A COMPLETE IDIOT!
And I thought he was strong...
OH NO! I AM IN FOR IT NOW!
I'M SURE HE SAID THIS WAS A HEIRLOOM!
He's going to be killed. Not again!
NO!
CHOSEN ONE?
DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH...
WHAT?
THAT THING YOU HOLD...
Standing before you is the undefeated Dallas.
The Chosen One of the Dark Flower.
DON'T THINK THAT BEATING THE WEAK MAKES YOU SOME HERO.
IF YOU THOUGHT YOU WON, THINK AGAIN!

Impossible...
That is not...
...the real Dark Flower.
How do I know this?
BECAUSE THE ONLY OWNER OF THE DARK FLOWER FOR 300 YEARS NOW...
IS ME!

BUT WHAT DO YOU MEAN!?
THE MAN IN THE LEGEND IS DEAD!
THE DARK FLOWER
IS A WEAPON THAT EATS MEN'S LIVES ONLY ITS MASTER IS SPARED
AND TO THAT MASTER IT OFFERS A GIFT THE LIVES OF ITS VICTIMS
The man who had his father, mother, lover and everyone he held dear stolen from him...
IT IS INDEED A SWORD THAT RELISHES DEATH
...and for revenge, he took the sword...
AND I WAS ANGRY,
I KILLED EVERYONE IN MY PATH...
I AM NO LONGER HUMAN...
WHAT KIND OF...
JOKE IS THAT!?

A JOKE...
IF ONLY IT WAS.
ARE YOU SURE YOU DO NOT WANT TO SUR-REN-DER?
THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE.
SURELY YOU DO NOT WANT TO GET HURT...?
No...
No...

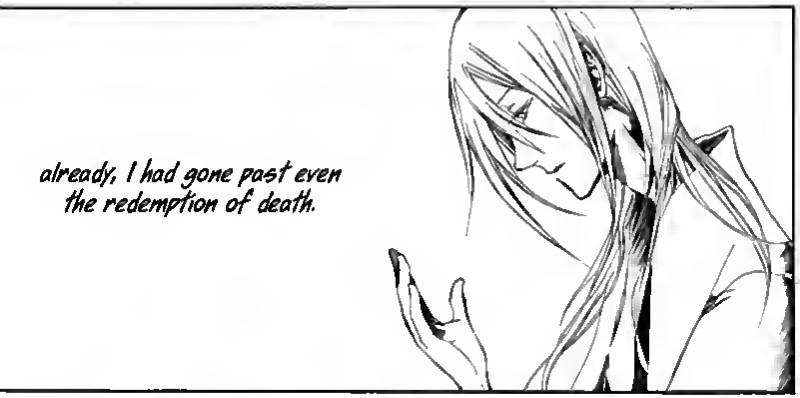
NO!
NOOOOOOO!!!!
NO!

Just now...
that was an illusion!?
IF YOU OBTAIN IT, IT WILL GIVE YOU A NEVER-ASING BODY AND INHUMAN POWER
THERE HAVE BEEN HUNDREDS WHO HAVE TRIED TO RECREATE SUCH A CONVE-NIENT SWORD
YOURS WAS MOST LIKELY ONE OF THEM I WILL TELL YOU A SECRET. EVERY ONE OF THE WIELDERS OF THOSE FAKE DARK FLOWERS CAME TO A BAD END.
THIS IS BAD, THIS IS BAD, THIS IS BAD THIS IS BAD
SLOWLY THEY WERE EATEN FROM THE INSIDE BY THE INCOM-PLETE SWORDS THEIR SENSES AND THEIR HUMANITY WAS SHREDDED INTO PIECES AND THEN FORCED OUT OF SOCIETY
AFTER THAT, THEY WERE TOR-MENTED BY EVIL THOUGHTS AND WOULD FINALLY KILL THEM-SELVES
Please! Anybody! Anything, save me, don't let it happen like this!
DON'T LET ME DIE!
WHEREAS THE ORIGINAL DARK FLOWER... WELL, YOU HAVE HEARD THE LEGENDS...
AHH!
THAT DEMONIC SWORD THAT WAS SAID TO CURSE ANY WHO HELD IT TO FOREVER NEED TO KILL
IN THOSE SLAUGH-TERS HE LEFT BEHIND HIM..
Ugh!
AHHHH!

THUS, FOR THAT SPECTACLE, WAS IT WAS NAMED THE DARK FLOWER AND WAS FEARED
FOR ALL HIS INHUMAN LIFE, HE HAS TRIED TO ATONE FOR HIS FOOLISH DEEDS
APPEARED DARK RED FLOWERS THAT SEEMED TO SHED THEIR PETALS INTO THE AIR. A BEAUTIFUL SIGHT, CERTAINLY, IF THEY WERE NOT BUT GORY, REPULSIVE AND TRAGIC.
YOU ARE NO DIFFERENT FROM ME.
VALZA

SINCE THEN, FAR TOO LONG HAS PASSED

At that time, when all who knew my name had perished, and power for revenge was the greatest of my desires,

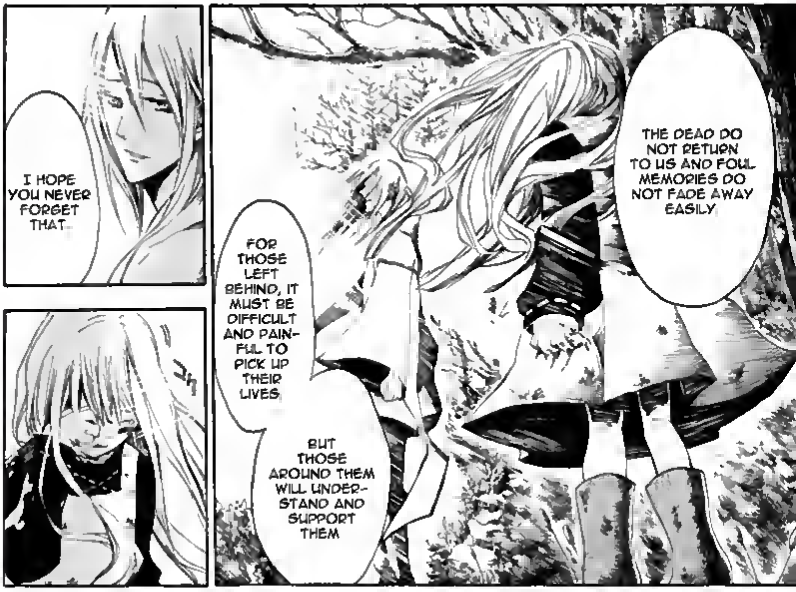

already, I had gone past even the redemption of death.

EXCUSE ME, YOU
IT IS NOT UNREASONABLE TO BE TOLD TO STAND SO SOON AFTER SUCH A TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCE.
UM...
AND HER SAVIOUR IS THE WORST OF THEM ALL...
U—h
CAN YOU STAND? YOU ARE NOT HURT, ARE YOU?
HELLO?
EVERYTHING IS FINE NOW.

ARE YOU REALLY THAT MAN FROM THE LEGEND?
I SUPPOSE YOU COULD SAY THAT, YES. BUT YOU NEEDN'T FEAR I HAVE NO INTENTIONS OF USING MY POWERS FOR SUCH EVILS AGAIN
BUT..BUT.. IF THAT'S TRUE THEN YOU ARE LIKE GRANDFATHER'S GRANDFATHER'S GRANDFATHER? WHY DO YOU LOOK SO YOUNG!?
She doesn't have to point out my age
SO HER PROBLEM WAS THAT...
WELL, HOW SHOULD I EXPLAIN I LOST THE ABILITY TO AGE? OR SOMETHING...
RATHER THAN THAT... ARE YOU NOT SCARED, MY LADY?
EVEN IF I LOOK LIKE THIS, I AM HOLDING THE DARK FLOWER, YOU REALIZE...?
OF COURSE THE DARK FLOWER IS FRIGHTENING...
BUT,
I HAVE KNOWN MUCH GREATER FEAR.
EVEN IF IT IS THE DARK FLOWER, IT IS NOT THE DARK FLOWER THAT WILL STEAL MY PRECIOUS PEOPLE.
RIGHT?

YES.
YOU DIDN'T EVEN KILL THESE OTHERS
YOU NOTICED? HOWEVER, THEY WILL HAVE HEADACHES AND BRUISES, BUT NOTHING MORE THAN THAT.
THE CONSTABULARY WILL DEAL WITH THEM LATER, I AM SURE.
WILL THEY REALLY REPENT THEIR DEEDS...? TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I WOULD HAVE KILLED THEM MYSELF
BUT... ONCE DEAD... THE DEAD DO NOT RETURN
MOTHER AND FATHER WOULD NOT HAVE WANTED THAT EITHER.
THEY WOULD HAVE WANTED ME TO LIVE WITH MY HEAD HELD HIGH, ALWAYS LOOKING TOWARDS THE NEW DAWN
I HAVE TO BE HAPPY, LIVE TO THE UTMOST...

is exactly the one I should have made so many years ago.
Her decision
Exactly.


I HOPE YOU NEVER FORGET THAT.
FOR THOSE LEFT BEHIND, IT MUST BE DIFFICULT AND PAINFUL TO PICK UP THEIR LIVES.
BUT THOSE AROUND THEM WILL UNDERSTAND AND SUPPORT THEM
THE DEAD DO NOT RETURN TO US AND FOUL MEMORIES DO NOT FADE AWAY EASILY.

A QUEST TO DESTROY, ONCE AND FOR ALL, THE DARK FLOWER.
YES. I AM ON A QUEST.
HAVE YOU CONTINUED ON YOUR TRAVELS DOING THINGS LIKE THIS EVER SINCE?

SO THAT IT WILL FINALLY REMAIN AS A LEGEND OF THE PAST.
THAT IS THE REASON I WILL FIND A WAY TO DESTROY IT.
BEFORE I HAD OBTAINED THE DARK FLOWER, THERE HAD BEEN A STORY SIMILAR TO THE LEGEND PASSED DOWN TODAY
DESPITE KNOWING ITS EVIL FATE, I STILL SOUGHT ITS POWER.
AS LONG AS THE DARK FLOWER EXISTS, TRAGEDY WILL BEFALL THOSE AROUND IT.

I AM VERY SORRY EVEN THOUGH YOU RESCUED ME, I CANNOT HELP YOU AT ALL...
NO, NO, DON'T CRY. I WILL PERSEVERE AND REACH MY GOAL SOMEDAY.
UNFORTUNATELY, I HAVEN'T FOUND MUCH. THERE DOES NOT SEEM TO BE MANY LEADS REMAINING.
NO ONE SEEMS TO KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT WHO OR HOW THE SWORD WAS MADE. IT WAS JUST SO LONG AGO...
WELL, IT'S EVEN OLDER THAN YOU. I'M NOT SURE ANYONE KNOWS ABOUT SUCH A DISTANT PAST...
WHAT HAPPENED HERE!?
Ow ow ow! It hurts!
YOU SURPRISED ME!
WHY DO YOU, WHO DID THE RIGHT THING, HAVE TO RUN AWAY!?
ARE YOU GOING TO CONTINUE TRAVELLING, EVEN NOW?
INDEED. THAT IS MY PATH IN LIFE.
HMM? IT SEEMS WE HAVE COMPANY.
?
hey! watch it!
LILIA!
AND SO, IT IS TIME FOR ME TO GET GOING. IT WOULD BE PROBLEMATIC IF I HAD TO EXPLAIN THINGS TO THE CONSTABULARY
ALREADY!?
WAIT A MINUTE!
OH, YES. GIVE THIS TO THE MAYOR, PLEASE GIVE HIM MY MOST SINCERE APOLOGIES FOR HOW IT ENDED UP
FIENDS! YOU HAVE BEEN SURROUNDED! DROP YOUR WEAPONS OR FACE THE WRATH OF THE CONSTA—EH?
GRANDFATHER!
I AM SO RELIEVED TO SEE YOU. I HAD BEEN SO WORRIED...

SELF...
THAT IS...!
AH! THIS... HE SAID, APOLOGIES, I MEAN... HEY! GET BACK HERE AND APOLOGIZE YOUR—
THE SWORD IS WORTH NOTHING BESIDES MY GRANDCHILD'S LIFE I WASN'T EVEN ABLE TO THANK HIM
HE WAS HERE UNTIL A MOMENT AGO HE REALLY DIS-APPEARED
IS THAT RIGHT, HE LEFT
COME TO THINK OF IT, HE WAS REALLY FAST WHEN WE RAN AWAY THAT TIME.
THANK YOU...
THANK YOU GRANDFA-THER, FOR BEING HERE TO SUP-PORT ME
IF EVERYONE HAD DIED, MY PARENTS, GRAND-FATHER, AND ALL MY FRIENDS... I CAN'T IMAGINE...
BUT FROM THE BEGINNING OF THAT LEGEND SO LONG AGO, EVEN UNTIL NOW, HE WAS ALWAYS LIKE THAT.
The man disappeared...

EVEN UNTIL THE PRESENT, THE LEGEND THAT WAS MADE IN THIS LAND THREE HUNDRED YEARS AGO IS STILL SPOKEN IN ALL ITS EVERLASTING MAJESTY
I AM SO VERY TIRED...
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT,
I HAVE NOT SLEPT YET...
AND FROM NOW ON THAT STORY WILL SURELY CONTINUE THROUGH THE AGES EVEN IF NO ONE SPEAKS OF IT AGAIN
...together with the cursed weapon.
IT IS GOOD THAT I SLIPPED AWAY UNNOTICED, BUT THERE WAS NO INFORMATION AT ALL.
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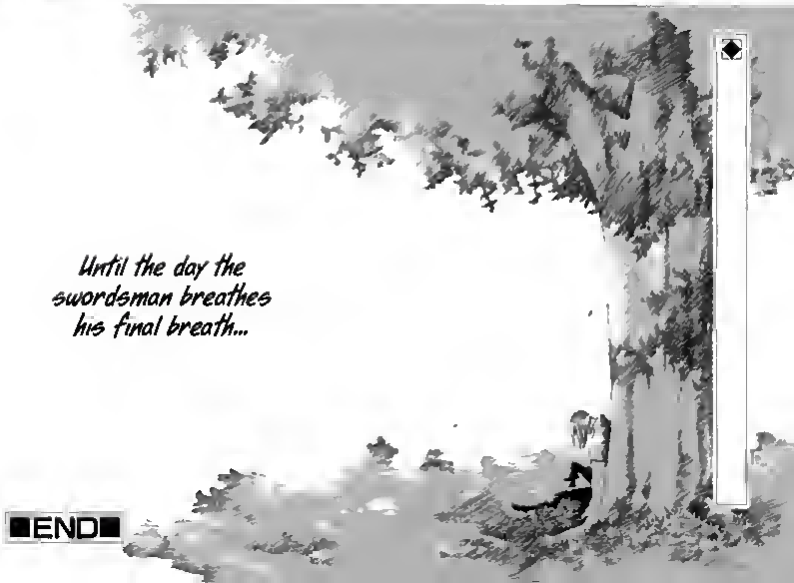
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